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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE.

2. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:
I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A DIRECT
PERSONAL DIALOGUE WITH YOU ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST
TO ALGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES. THE VIEWS AND POSITIONS
OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ARE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE ON MANY WORLD
ISSUES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
ALGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES IS A MATTER OF GREAT INTEREST
TO ME.

3. SINCE COMING TO OFFICE IN JANUARY, I HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY
PLEASED TO SEE THE GROWING COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO
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COUNTRIES IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS. I AM MOST APPRECIATIVE
FOR THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH YOU ACCORDED UNDER SECRETARY OF
STATE HABIB TO MEET WITH YOU FOR SUCH A THOROUGH EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS WHEN HE VISITED ALGIERS IN APRIL. WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO THE ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR MAOUI, WHOSE PRESENCE

IN WASHINGTON WILL GREATLY FACILITATE COMMUNICATION, AS

WILL THE PRESENCE IN ALGIERS OF AMBASSADOR HAYNES, WHOM I HAVE NAMED TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR PARKER.

4. UNDER SECRETARY HABIB DISCUSSED THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WITH YOU IN DETAIL WHEN HE WAS IN ALGIERS. I WISH TO UNDERSCORE THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD A RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE THIS YEAR. AS I HAVE STATED PUBLICLY, OUR POLICY WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP IN ANY OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE EXPECT ISRAEL AND HER NEIGHBORS TO CONTINUE TO BE BOUND BY UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 WHICH THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED. TO LET THE PRESENT PROPITIOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR A SETTLEMENT PASS COULD MEAN DISASTER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND PERHAPS FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ORDER AS WELL. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT I WILL PERSONALLY DEVOTE MY TIME AND ENERGY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE AGREEMENT.

5. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME THOUGHTS ON NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS, A SUBJECT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US BOTH. I FEEL THAT IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION SHOW CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS DURING THE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN PARIS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. IN MY VIEW, THE MINISTERIAL MEETING PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PROGRESS ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ISSUES AND ALSO TO ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS ON

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QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. SEVERAL QUESTIONS REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION. THESE INCLUDE THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES, WHERE IT WILL HOPEFULLY BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE NEED FOR INCREASED AND MORE EFFECTIVE FLOWS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY TO THE LOW INCOME COUNTRIES; COMMODITIES, WHERE WE WILL BE PREPARED TO GIVE NEW POLITICAL MOMENTUM TO THE WORK IN GENEVA ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES AND A COMMON FUND; AND ENERGY, WHERE WE MUST DECIDE HOW BEST TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE ON GLOBAL ENERGY TRENDS.

6. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD COMMUNITY THAT THERE BE A CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON NORTH-SOUTH MATTERS. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ASSURE THAT SUCH A DIALOGUE CONTINUES IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE MANNER. SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE HOPES TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFILKA IN PARIS AND THIS WILL AFFORD AN

OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. THE MEMBERS OF OUR

DELEGATION IN PARIS ALSO HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN
CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEIR ALGERIAN COUNTERPARTS AS THE
MINISTERIAL MEETING UNFOLDS. I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
DIRECTLY ON THESE AND OTHER MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN.

7. FOR MY PART, I WOULD BE VERY GRATIFIED TO HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU PERSONALLY AT AN EARLY DATE.
I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES
AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME IN THE FUTURE SO THAT I MAY
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF WELCOMING YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER (SIGNED JIMMY CARTER, BEST WISHES
J.C.) END QUOTE.
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